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YOUR SEASONAL GARDEN GUIDE

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February — March
"GARDEN GOSSIP"

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NOVELTIES

If we are blessed with the weather we expect in this section during February and March there is lots of work and fun in the garden. Many years ago the All American trials for seeds was instituted and for 1950 a gold medal was awarded to a Petunia called Fire Chief. It is the first time in eleven years that the judges felt a flower justified a gold medal award and this petunia is really different. It is a regular dwarf petunia for garden work but it is actually a scarlet red—very bright and very striking. Sew in a flat or flower pot until the end of March or directly outdoors thereafter. Be sure to send or call for a packet of Fire Chief and have something worthwhile and different.

Two vegetables received Gold medal awards. Squash Uconn is a bush form of the popular Table Queen or Danish squash, so favored for baking. It makes a fine thrifty plant for the home garden. Bean Top Crop is a very yielding Bush Bean. Sow both the new Squash and bean end of March and at intervals until July for a steady supply of fresh vegetables.

BEGONIAS

Again we have received our 1950 seed of tuberous begonia from Blackmore and Langdon, England. We have some glowing reports from some amateurs on their success. One Burlingame lady reports over two hundred and fifty begonias last year from a dollar packet and has color pictures to support her statement. Why not try raising tuberous Begonias from seed using Vermiculite as the planting medium? Here's how. Put about an inch of broken pot in the bottom of a five inch pot, fill the pot with Vermiculite, place pot in a bucket of water into which has been added one tablespoon of Liquinox. The table should be up to one inch from the top of the pot and no more than one tablespoon of Liquinox per gallon. The Vermiculite will have soaked up the water in five minutes. Vermiculite is neutral, free from disease and insects and is an excellent medium for both seeds and cuttings but has no food value. Place the pot in the kitchen or near the hot water heater. The night temperature should not fall below 40°. Repeat the same soaking and feeding about once per week. At the end of four weeks the seedlings can be pricked out into a mixture of lead mold, sand and soil. What fun!

We also have the very finest Antonelli Begonia bulbs and the price is most reasonable. Remember to start your begonia bulbs in damp peat moss when the little pins of growth start. Of course they must not be put directly outdoors until about the middle of April.

Our Calla lilies are all very choice bulbs. Again we can recommend the baby Calla. It makes a dainty plant with a very attractive blossom. The Pink and the Yellow are splendid subjects and quite uncommon. Remember to cushion and cover the bulbs with sand in heavy soils.

Why not try some Caladiums. They require similar treatment to Begonia bulbs with the difference that they have to be planted in a good soil mixture right to start with. A few of these mixed in the begonia bed are really different.

HALF HARDY VEGETABLES

During February and March is the proper time to sow Tomato, Pepper and Egg Plant. A five inch pot of each item will provide ample plants for the average family. Use a loose porous soil in order to avoid root injury when transplanting. One part sand two parts peat moss or leaf mold and one part soil is a good mixture. Start the plants in the garage or kitchen and do not expose them to frost until after March 31st. Our killing frosts are usually over by this time. The best varieties to plant are listed in the "Gossip."

PERENNIAL VEGETABLES

Nothing tastes better than vegetables fresh from the garden and surely nothing is easier to grow than Asparagus, Artichokes and Rhubarb. Those of you who have established plants of Artichokes remember that it is essential to dust monthly from February on with our Niagara 6% Chlordane dust. This controls the ants and as they are responsible for most of the aphid trouble it means clean Artichokes. Those of you planting new artichokes or rhubarb remember to dig a hole about 18 inches in diameter and 18 inches deep. Into this hole put one part of the soil mentioned in the previous paragraph plus one half well rotted manure. Put the plants right in the middle of this good mixture and they will get off to a grand start.

PEACH LEAF CURL

Let us spray

If you have copper on your trees at the time the leaf buds open you will not have peach leaf curl. When do the leaf buds open? That depends on the weather. If it rains after you spray it is necessary to spray again. We like to see the trees look blue just like the farmer does. Then we know we have protection. The general winter spray recommended in our November-December guide contains C. O. C. S. Copper and it would be a good job to spray all fruit trees, roses and shrubs which cast their foliage before the leaf buds open. We repeat the formula:

To each gallon of water add:

4 Tablespoons C.O.C.S. Copper

5 Tablespoons Volck Oil

3 Teaspoons Black Leaf "40"

2 Tablespoons Niagara 50% D.D.T.

Remember the above must not be used at the strength detailed after the foliage appears. Also remember **be sure to spray.**

SOIL FUMIGATION

We are still very much sold on soil fumigation for built up areas and Shell DD is the most satisfactory method found to date. When putting in new plants, lawns or new areas it will be found to take care of most of the insects. It is quite easy to apply. We will be glad to explain this to anyone interested. For those of you with larger areas requiring treatment we suggest you contact the Bay Pest Control Company, 1217 South Railroad Ave., San Mateo, Telephone DIamond 3-9286. They are equipped to do the work for you economically and efficiently.

All the vegetable and flower seed detailed on this list are to be planted during February and March. In fact this is the last call on some of the flowers such as Sweet Peas, Larkspur, Clarkia, etc. Get busy **now** in order to get maximum performance and incidentally save on your water bill. And plant something different. We even have strawberry seed which if treated in the same way as tomato seed will produce fruits the first season. Are you remembering we are going to have daylight saving this summer starting Sunday, April 30th. Better health and more flowers and vegetables can easily result from the extra time. We are here to advise you on your garden problems. We do not have all the answers but we can help you as much with your garden as your doctor can with your health.

Flower Seeds To Plant Now

1950 ALL AMERICAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

	Per Packet
Petunia Dwarf Erect.....	.35
"Fire Chief".....	
Bean Bush "Topcrop".....	.15
Squash Bush "Uconn".....	.15

	Per Pkt.	1/4 Oz.
Ageratum—Blue Ball .....	.15	
Alyssum—Carpet of Snow .....	.15	.50
Alyssum—Violet Queen .....	.15	.60
Antirrhinum—(Snapdragon)		
Tetraploid (New) Ruffled Mixed .....	.25	
Medium Rust Resistant Mixed .....	.15	
Tall Rust Resistant Mixed .....	.15	
Tom Thumb Magic Carpet .....	.15	
Begonia—Blackmore and Langdon		
Camellia Flowered Strain		
Scarlet	1.00	
White	1.00	
Pink	1.00	
Yellow	1.00	
Superb Mixed	1.00	
Hanging Mixed	1.00	
Calendula—Lemon Queen .....	.15	.40
Calendula—Orange King .....	.15	.40
Calendula—Mixed .....	.15	.40
Candytuft—Umbellata Mixed .....	.10	.30
Candytuft—Giant Hyacinth White .....	.15	.40
Carnation—Enfant de Nice Mixed .....	.25	
Carnation—Chabaud Giant Mixed .....	.15	
Centaurea—Blue Boy .....	.15	.40
Centaurea—Mixed .....	.15	.30
Cheiranthus—(Siberian Wallflower) .....	.15	
Clarkia—Tall Double Mixed .....	.15	.60
Cyclamen—Giant Hybrids Mixed	1.00	
Dianthus—(Pinks) Gaiety .....	.25	
Eschscholtzia—(California Poppy) .....	.10	.30
Gerbera—(Transvall Daisy) Single and Double .....	.25	
Gloxinia—Robusta Grandiflora	1.00	
Godetia—Tall Double Mixed .....	.15	1.00
Gypsophila—Elegans White .....	.10	.20
Gypsophila—Elegans Carmine .....	.10	.50
Lantana—Dwarf Hybrids .....	.25	
Larkspur—Tall Double Mixed .....	.15	.75
Larkspur—Tall Double Separate Colors .....	.15	.75
Linaria—Fairy Bouquet .....	.15	.50
Linum Rubrum—(Scarlet Flax) .....	.15	.30
Lobelia—Crystal Palace Dark Blue .....	.15	
Lobelia—Cambridge Blue (Light Blue) .....	.15	
Lupin—Dwarf Blue .....	.10	.20
Mignonette—Sweet Scented .....	.15	.20
Myosotis—(Forget-Me-Not) Blue Bird .....	.15	
Nemesia—Dwarf Mixed .....	.15	
Nemesia—Tall Mixed .....	.15	
Nemophila—(Baby Blue Eyes) .....	.10	.20
Nicotiana—(Tobacco Plant) Mixed .....	.15	
Nierembergia—Purple Robe .....	.25	
Nigella—(Love-in-a-Mist) .....	.15	
Pansy KL—Switzerland Giants (The Finest) .....	.50	
Pansy—Trimardeau Mixed .....	.10	
Petunia—Ruffled Giants of California .....	.25	
Petunia—All Double Triumphant	2.00	
Petunia—Hybrida Bedding Mixed .....	.15	
Poppy—Annual Single Shirley Mixed .....	.15	.40
Poppy—Annual Double Shirley Mixed .....	.15	.40
Poppy—Iceland Mixed .....	.15	
Salpiglossis—Emperor Mixed .....	.15	
Schizanthus—Dr. Badger's Strain .....	.15	

	Per Pkt.	1/4 Oz.
Stock—Dwarf Ten Week Mixed.....	.15	
Stock—Beauty of Nice Mixed.....	.15	
Stock—Giant Imperial Mixed.....	.15	
Stock—Column Mixed .....	.25	
Sweet Peas—Early Spencer Mixed.....	.15	.30
Sweet Peas—Early Spencer Separate Colors.....	.15	.30
Sweet Peas—Late Spencer Mixed.....	.15	.20
Sweet Peas—Late Spencer Separate Colors.....	.15	.25
Sweet Peas—Cuthbertson Mixed .....	.15	.20
Sweet Peas—Cuthbertson Separate Colors.....	.15	.25
Collection of seven separate colors of any type listed. A good buy .....	.50	

Vegetable Seeds To Plant Now

	Per Pkt.	1/2 Oz.	Per Oz.
Bean—Broad Improved Longpod (Horse Beans)...60#	.10		
Beet—Detroit Dark Red.....	.10	.20	.35
Beet—Extra Early Flat Egyptian.....	.10	.20	.35
Swiss Chard—Lucullus Dark Green.....	.10	.20	.30
Swiss Chard—Red or Rhubarb.....	.15	.50	.75
Carrot—French Forcing .....	.10	.30	.50
Carrot—Danvers Half Long.....	.10	.30	.50
Carrot—Nantes .....	.10	.30	.50
Carrot—Red Core Chantenay.....	.10	.30	.50
Chicory—Large Rooted .....	.10	.30	.50
Chicory—Small Leaved or Radichetta .....	.10	.50	.75
Celery—Utah .....	.10	.40	
Celery—Golden Self Blanching.....	.10	.60	
Corn—Salad or Mache.....	.10	.40	
Cress—Curled or Peppergrass.....	.10	.20	.30
Cucumber—English Trailing Telegraph.....	.25		
Egg Plant—New York Purple.....	.10		

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	Per Pkt.	½ Oz.	Per Oz.
Endive—Batavian (Escarolle)10	.20	.35
Endive—Green Curled10	.20	.35
Fennel—Florence .....	.10	.20	.35
Kohl-Rabi—Purrie .....	.10	.50	.90
Kohl-Rabi—White .....	.10	.50	.90
Leek—American Flag .....	.10	.50	.90
Lettuce—Great Lakes (Iceberg Type).....	.15	.30	.50
Lettuce—White Boston (Butterhead).....	.10	.20	.35
Lettuce—Dark Green Cos (Celery Lettuce).....	.10	.20	.35
Lettuce—Grand Rapids (Loose Leaf).....	.10	.20	.35
Mustard—Southern Giant Curled.....	.10	.15	.25
Mustard—Chinese Elephant Ear .....	.10	.30	.50
Onion—Australian Brown .....	.10	.40	.75
Onion—Bunching .....	.10	.30	.50
Onion—Sweet Spanish .....	.10	.40	.75
Onion—White Portugal .....	.10	.40	.75
Parsley—Moss Curled .....	.10	.25	.45
Parsley—Single or Italian.....	.10	.25	.45
Parsnips—Hollow Crown .....	.10	.20	.35
Peas—Progress No. 9 (Bush) .....	.10	.30	.55
Peas—Alderman or Telephone (Pole).....	.10	.30	.55
Peas—Giant Stride (Medium 3 feet) .....	.10	.30	.55
Pepper—California Wonder .....	.10		
Radish—Crimson Giant .....	.10	.15	.25
Radish—Early Scarlet Globe .....	.10	.15	.25
Radish—Icicle .....	.10	.15	.25
Radish—French Breakfast .....	.10	.15	.25
Salsify—Mammoth Sandwich Island .....	.10	.30	.50
Spinach—Prickly .....	.10	.15	.25
Strawberry—Baron Solemacher (about 300 seeds)....	.25		

ORDER CARD

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

CUSTOMER'S NAME and ADDRESS (please print):

	Per Pkt.	½ Oz.	Per Oz.
Tomato—Earliana .....	.10		
Tomato—Golden Queen (Yellow) .....	.10		
Tomato—Marglobe .....	.10		
Tomato—No. 152 .....	.25		
Tomato—Pearson Improved .....	.10		
Tomato—Ponderosa or Beefsteak .....	.10		
Tomato—Pearl Harbor .....	.10		
Tomato—Stone .....	.10		
Tomato—Victor .....	.10		
Tomato—San Marzano (Paste).....	.10		
Tomato—Yellow Pear (Small Fruit).....	.10		
Tomato—Yellow Plum (Small Fruit).....	.10		
Turnip—Purple Top White Globe.....	.10	.15	.25
Turnip—Orange Jelly .....	.10	.15	.25
Turnip—Rutabaga American Purple Top .....	.10	.15	.25

PERENNIAL VEGETABLES

Asparagus Roots .....	.60 doz.	4.20 per 100
Artichoke Roots .....	.25 ea.	
Rhubarb Roots .....	.25 ea.	

OTHER VEGETABLES

Onion Sets—White or Brown.....	.35 per lb.
Garlic .....	.60 per lb.

FLOWERING PLANTS

Lily of Valley—Real Outdoor Pips.....	1.00 doz.	7.00 per 100
Peony Roots—Pink, White, Red or Rose.....	1.00 ea.	

Bulbs

CAMELLIA FLOWERED TUBERUS BEGONIAS

	Each	Dozen
Jumbo Bulbs—Crimson, White, Scarlet, Yellow, Rose, Salmon Pink .....	.40	4.40
Hanging Basket Type Jumbo Bulbs—Crimson, Scarlet, Pink, Yellow .....	.40	4.40
Camellia Flowered—Medium Size Bulbs—Crimson, White, Scarlet, Yellow, Rose Pink, Salmon Pink .....	.30	3.30
Hanging Basket Type Medium Size Bulbs—Scarlet, White, Pink, Yellow .....	.30	3.30

GLADIOLI

No. 1 Eastern Grown Bulbs

	Dozen	Per 100
Bit O' Heaven—Beautiful Orange.....	.75	5.50
Corona—Creamy White, Pink Edge .....	.75	5.50
Firefly—Deep Red .....	.75	5.50
Gold Dust—Pure Golden Yellow.....	.75	5.50
Margaret Beaton—White, Red Blotch .....	.75	5.50
Margaret Fulton—Deep Salmon Pink.....	.75	5.50
Pelegrina—Deep Purple .....	.75	5.50
Picardy—Lovely Shrimp Pink .....	.75	5.50
Rosa Van Lima—Rose Pink.....	.75	5.50
Snow Princess—Pure White .....	.75	5.50
Rainbow Mixed—All above in blend.....	.75	5.50

CALLA LILIES

	Each	Dozen
Devoniensis—The White Baby Calla.....	.35	3.85
Godfrey—Spotted Foliage Thin Stemmed White Cala.....	.50	5.50
Pink for Pots and Borders.....	.40	4.40
Yellow for Pots and Borders.....	.40	4.40

CALADIUM

Fancy Leaved Jumbo Florida Bulbs

	Each	Dozen
Candidum—White and Green .....	.40	4.40
Cleo—Green back, Pink, White, Yellow veins.....	.40	4.40
Crimson Wave—Crimson, Dark Green Border.....	.40	4.40
Exposition—Bright Red on Green Background.....	.40	4.40
Red Ensign—Red Margined Green.....	.40	4.40

LAWN GRASS

	Per Lb.
KXL Mixture—The finest, sturdiest lawn of all.....	1.40
Golden State—Contains large percentage ryegrass. For Tough ground .....	.65
Astoria Bent	2.00
Seaside Bent.....	2.00
Highland Bent	2.00
Fescue Ill-a-hee	1.40
Fescue Chewings	1.25
Fescue Creeping Red	1.25
Kentucky Blue Grass	1.50
Red Top	1.10
Perennial Rye Grass .....	.50
Annual Rye Grass .....	.30
White Dutch Clover	2.00
Dichondra Repens Lawn Substitute (Pkt. for 100 square feet).....	1.25

SPRAY MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT

Niagara 6% Chlordane Wettable Dust or Spray.....	1 Lb.	4 Lbs.
Niatox DDT 50% Wettable .....	.70	2.10
Kolo Sulphur Retenone .....	.75	2.00
	.60	1.50
Fermate for Rust	½ Lb.	4 Lbs.
Zerlate for Rust and Mildew.....	.75	3.00
Phygon for Black Spot and Blossom Fungus Control.....	1.00	3.00
Sulphur Wettable or Dusting	2 Lbs.	4 Lbs.
Ammate Poison Oak Control.....	.45	.75
Benzine Hexachloride Soil Insecticide (BHC).....	.90	
Arsenate of Lead .....	.75 lb.	2.25
	.60	1.80
C.O.C.S., the finest form of Copper.....	1 Lb.	3 Lbs.
	.75	1.65
"Black Leaf 40," Best Aphis Control.....	1 Oz.	5 Ozs.
	.36	1.05
Deenate—a 25% DDT Spray for Barns and Chicken Houses.....		1 Gal.
		3.00
Rix—An all-purpose spray	1 Pt.	1 Qt.
Whale Oil Soap—Good spreader.....	.75	1.25
Graselli Spreader Sticker.....	.45	.80
	1.15	
Triox Weed Killer for Driveways.....	1 Qt.	1 Gal.
Terra-Lite Planting Medium	1.00	3.50
Soil Sulphur Soil Conditioner	¾ Lb. .40	½ bu. .85
Trombone Sprayer for Trees.....	100 Lbs.	4.50
Liquinox Fertilizer—The liquid fertilizer with the yucca juice extract base for immediate penetration and lasting qualities:		7.25
½ Pint .....	.40	Quart
Pint .....	.60	Gallon
Milorganite (Processed Sewage)		1.00
		2.50
	25 Lbs.	1.75
	50 Lbs.	2.85
	100 Lbs.	4.35